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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE EGYPTIAN REQUEST FOR INCREASED PL-480

WHEAT ALLOCATION

REF: CAIRO 7745

1. FYI. AT PRESENT TIME WE DO NOT THINK IT APPROPRIATE
OR POSSIBLE TO INCREASE LEVEL FY-76 PL-480 WHEAT PROGRAM
FOR EGYPTIANS FROM PLANNED 800,000 METRIC TONS TO ONE
MILLION TONS SUGGESTED BY FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY. UNDER
PRESENT PLANNING FOR FY-76 PROGRAM, THERE IS NO UNALLOCATED
WHEAT TO MEET THIS ADDITIONAL 200,000 TON REQUEST. IT
WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM SOME OTHER COUNTRIES' ALLOCATIONS.
END FYI.

2. IF FAHMY RAISES THE ISSUE AGAIN, YOU SHOULD NOT GIVE
HIM A FIRM NEGATIVE RESPONSE BUT SHOULD HIGHLIGHT DIFFI-
CULTIES AND TELL HIM YOU HAVE PASSED HIS REQUEST TO

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WASHINGTON FOR CONSIDERATION. YOU MAY WISH TO NOTE THAT

AT CURRENTLY PLANNED 800,000 METRIC TON LEVEL, GOE IS
LARGEST RECIPIENT OF FY-76 PL-480 TITLE I WHEAT. DESPITE
EXCELLENT WHEAT CROP, WHEAT PRICES HAVE RISEN CONSIDERABLY
RECENTLY AND WE ARE FACING A SERIOUS BUDGETARY CONSTRAINT
IN FULLY IMPLEMENTING THE PRESENT FY-76 PL-480 PROGRAM.
FINALLY, EVEN THOUGH EGYPT IS NOW A UNITED NATIONS DESIG-
NATED MSA (MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY INCREASED PRICES OF
FOOD, FERTILIZER, AND "NERGY) COUNTRY, THERE IS CONCERN
IN CONGRESS THAT A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF OUR PL-480 PRO-
GRAM GO FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS WHERE STARVATION OR PO-
TENTIAL STARVATION EXISTS AS IN SOUTH ASIA.

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